

Enterprise food service attendants shine

Long standing Navy tradition alive, well on Big 'E'

By MC2 Kristin M. Baker **Enterprise Public Affairs**

USS ENTERPRISE, At sea – As USS Enterprise (CVN 65) continues work-ups and flight deck operations Aug. 24, service as a ship's food service attendant (FSA) has proven vital to the operational success of the fleet's largest aircraft carrier.

FSAs are junior Sailors of all rating specialties who work six-month stints helping trained culinary specialists feed the crew.

With more than 4.000 mouths to feed and 13,000 meals to serve each day, the task of feeding the crew is complex and difficult. But with the help of Big E and Carrier Air Wing 1's FSAs the ship's Supply department aced the Supply Management Assessment (SMA) and helped the ship pass its Tailored Ship's Training Availability and Final Evaluation Period. FSAs are continuing to ensure their shipmates are ready to complete the ship's mission.

The purpose of work-ups is to prepare ships, air wings and strike groups for deployment. Similarly, the SMA is designed to ensure the Supply department is ready to handle serving an entire ship's crew on a daily basis while deployed for significant periods of time.

FSAs take out the trash, wipe down tables, assist with food preparation in the galleys, clean staterooms and do laundry

for the crew.

"It's very rewarding knowing that what we do as FSAs keep the crew going," said Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Jacques D. Floyd, who leads a team of more than 30 FSAs. "If the crew doesn't eat a good meal in a nice and clean environment, they won't work at the levels required to complete the ship's mission."

Departments throughout the ship and attached squadrons send Sailors to work as FSAs based on manning levels, seniority and the ship's mission. The personnel chosen to fill each FSA billet are selected by their department's chain of command.

SAILORS OF THE DAY



Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Alexander J. Smith

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "To have a better life."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "That I assist numerous people every day."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I like to spend time with family and friends."

Aviation Electronics Technician Airman Brandon D. Camby

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "To get hands on experience with jets and gear, before I try to become a pilot."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "Being in a good learning environment and having an impact on keeping jets up and flying."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I like to watch movies, surf, and work on my Mustang GT."



CARRIER STRIKE GROUP 12 SAILOR OF THE WEEK



<u>Information Systems Technician 3rd Class</u> Claiborne Randle

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "I joined the Navy to travel the world, and gain experience as an IT."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "Meeting and building long-time friendships with new people."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I enjoy watching movies and spending time with friends."

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"I think the unsung heroes of food service on Enterprise are the food service attendants," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Shawn M. Porch, Enterprise's food service officer. "We would not be able to offer the services we provide the crew without the hard work and dedication of the FSAs we have."

Sending Sailors to work for a short time in the galley is a long-standing Navy tradition. While it's hard work, FSA duty is also a common experience for many Sailors and an accomplishment they can remember with pride.

"When I found out I was going to be an FSA I was a little upset," said Deck department's Seaman Nick J. Mahoney, an FSA assigned to the forward mess decks. "After a few weeks I started to like what I was doing. I get to meet a lot of people and learn a lot from everyone I work with. Working as an FSA is something I will remember my entire career."

Enterprise is conducting work-ups and flight deck operations in preparation for its upcoming deployment. For more information about USS Enterprise, Carrier Strike Group 12 or Carrier Air Wing One visit www. Enterprise.navy.mil, www.ccsg12.surfor.navy.mil, and www.cvw1.navy.mil. You can also visit www.news. navy.mil/local/cvn65.



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (EXW) Stacy D. Laseter

Aviation Maintenance Administrationman Airman Cassandra R. Rhodes secures a firefighting hose in the hangar bay of the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) at the conclusion of a general quarters exercise. Frequent training and drills ensure the ship and crew are prepared in case of an actual casualty.



Aviation Electronics
Technician Airman
Frederick T. Cawthon,
assigned to the "Knighthawks" of Strike Fighter
Squadron (VFA) 136,
prepares to remove a
piece of an engine to
repair a case seal on an
inlet device in the hangar bay of the aircraft
carrier USS Enterprise
(CVN 65).



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Jared M. King

A Sailor from Air department's V2 division aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) watches as an F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to the "Checkmates" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 211 makes an arrested landing during flight operations.



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Ping-Pong on the aft mess decks at 8:30 p.m.

<u>August 26</u>

Essay Contest pick up the essay question at the MWR ticket window.

August 27

Open Karaoke on the aft mess decks at 8:30 p.m.

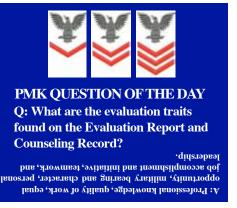
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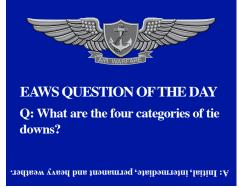
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PROFESSIONAL MILITARY KNOWLEDGE (PMK) TRAINING We are here to help you prepare for your September advancement exam. PMK training sessions are conducted Monday - Friday at 1 p.m. on the forward mess decks until Sept. 12. When events or drill conflict with the training session the training will be rescheduled for 7 p.m. that same day. For questions or concerns, please contact ET1 Schwartz or PS1 C. Brown via e-mail or J-6560/J-7095.

The ESWS test will be administered on Thursday Aug. 26, at 9 a.m. on the aft mess decks. The sign-up sheet is located at 07-153-1-Q. You must sign-up to take the test. Please bring your completed PQS to the test site for review. For questions or concerns, please contact ET1 Cooper or ETC Clay at J-7765.





Sailor Advisory: In order to complete fingerprinting for ISOPREP, Security will be conducting fingerprinting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily while underway. This will continue until after Reactor's training cycle and Security begins training for its upcoming C2F FPEX. Security will also be obtaining available times for fingerprinting at the area Pass and ID offices upon return.